

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

**SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT BUDGET REVIEWER**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY, & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY OF DECISION-MAKING THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

As per conversations with the leadership of the United Teachers of Dade, it has been requested that an independent budget reviewer be employed by Miami-Dade County Public Schools to have an independent review of the budget drafting process. Furthermore, since the current negotiations with the UTD has reached difficulty with an agreed upon budget that is accepted as transparent and accurate, then the Miami-Dade Public Schools should adopt the recommendation proposed by the UTD of having an independent budget reviewer to provide independent review and recommendations regarding the budget to the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida for the purposes of discussion and adoption into practice.

The adoption of the position of an Independent Budget Reviewer shall improve the transparency and the decision-making throughout the budget drafting process. In improving the process, Miami-Dade County Public Schools is able to have stronger relationships with our stakeholders, and reach strong amicable agreements with these stakeholders.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, directs the Superintendent to contract the services of an Independent Budget Reviewer that will provide independent recommendations to the School Board of Miami-Dade, County.